



USDA Export Verification (EV) Program Specified Product Requirements for Beef - Taiwan

1 Purpose

This document provides the specified product requirements for marketing U.S. boneless beef to Taiwan under the USDA Export Verification (EV) Program.

2 Scope

These requirements apply to U.S. suppliers (slaughterers, fabricators, and processors) of boneless beef items that are eligible for export to Taiwan as listed on the FSIS website. Companies must meet the specified product requirements for Taiwan under the EV Program through an approved USDA QSA Program. The requirements for the QSA Program are defined in *ARC 1002 Procedure, Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program*. The QSA Program ensures that the specified product requirements are supported by a documented quality management system.

Only companies with an approved USDA QSA Program for the EV Program for Taiwan may label and sell product as meeting the specified product requirements for Taiwan under the EV Program.

3 Reference Documents

ARC 1000 Procedure, Quality Systems Verification Program General Policies and Procedures

ARC 1002 Procedure, Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program

Export Verification Programs Additional Requirements

FSIS Export website: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&Policies/export_information/index.asp

EV Official Listing: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/arc/bevlisting.htm>

4 Specified Product Requirements

4.1 The boneless beef must meet the following requirements:

4.1.1 Be derived from animals under the age of 30 months, slaughtered in the US.

4.1.2 Slaughter, dressing, and processing procedures must ensure the hygienic removal of the following tissues: brain, skull, eyes, trigeminal ganglia, spinal cord, vertebral column (excluding the vertebrae of the tail, the transverse processes of the thoracic and lumbar vertebrae, and the wings of the sacrum), dorsal root ganglia, the tonsils, and distal ileum of the small intestine to prevent the contamination of these tissues with beef products being produced for export to Taiwan.

4.2 Shipping documentation (bills of lading, shipping manifests, or letters of guarantee) must have the statement "Product Meets EV Program Requirements for Taiwan" and must clearly identify the product and product quantity.

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5 Listing of Approved Programs

U.S. companies who generate products that meet the specified product requirements for Taiwan are listed on the *Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers to Export for Taiwan*.

6 Responsibilities

U.S. suppliers must meet all policies and procedures outlined in this Procedure, *ARC 1000 Procedure, Quality Systems Verification Program General Policies and Procedures*, and *ARC 1002 Procedure, Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program*.